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THE REDEEMER

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

We find ourselves on the threshold of another new year in Poston. How rapidly the old year has passed with its rich blessings, its joys, its trials, yes, even sorrows too!

The new year is a new road. We know not what it holds, but we must all journey over it. Can we know the way? Clear across the continent there is a road marked with red, white, and blue signs. It is called the "Lincoln Highway". It is easy to follow, for we have but to watch for the signs. The spiritual road of life is just as clearly marked. In every page of God's Word we find its guideposts. Verse after verse says, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Prayer and the open Book, together with careful heed, will make certain our steps through the coming year.

Let us all walk the great Highway of Truth and Righteousness beginning this year, and make this one of the most blessed and happiest of years.

"Brethren, this one thing I do,
Forgetting those things which are behind,
Reaching forth unto those things which
are before,
I press toward the mark for the prize
of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:13-14.

Sophie Shizume

JUNIOR CHURCH

We of the Junior Church of Poston Three greet you at this the beginning of a New Year. We have been blessed abundantly by God Our Father during the past year. We rejoice in that so many of the Juniors have found the true Way of Life. And taking Jesus as our Guide, we look forward to spending now and eternity with Him.

We thank you and God for your prayers and kindness toward us. We are thankful for you older brothers and sisters in Christ who have been so willing to help us on in our Christian life.

As we look forward into the New Year, we ask your continued prayers for us that we may not fail and that this New Year might be a year of service for Christ.

With prayers for you unto God, we wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

George Yamagata.

ISSEI CHURCH GREETINGS

We are rejoicing as we approach the New Year of 1944 in this desert place. Regardless of the conditions and circumstances which may surround us this year, our desire is to glorify the Name of the Lord.

Only the prism's obstruction shows
aright
The secret of a sunbeam. Breaks
its light
Into the jewelled bow from blankest
white;
So may the glory from deflect arise.
--Browning

Our afflictions in this Center have not been light, but may the year of 1944 be one that shall fully manifest the Glory of the Lord.

Rev. S. Asano.

TESTIMONY

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. Ps. 46:10

During the past few months, I realized that my life had not been as fruitful, as radiant, and rich as Christ would have it be. Something within told me that I no longer possessed the joy of the first experience; yet, this joy was not that of emotions but the natural awareness of the Spirit of Christ within.

At night, as I knelt in prayer and reviewed the whole day, it seemed so empty and wasted--with so much to do but nothing of real value accomplished. Even my short devotional periods became a sort of a duty--and church--a mere habit, attended almost mechanically. When at school I tried to mingle among the other students; and yet, self-consciousness always crept over me and the fear of giving a bad impression of Christians came into my mind.

For months, it seemed, I stumbled blindly along, till finally when the pure and humble spirit of Christmas came along, there arose within me a desire to seek that which I had lost--the quiet fellowship with our Heavenly Father and the joy of knowing that I had earned His approval.

My prayer was heard, and I've learned a vital lesson--that we cannot crowd God out with trifling cares and duties and expect to live life to the fullest.

Dear Christian sisters and brothers, I know that God has given me this opportunity to share with you this simple but blessed message, "Be Still, and Know that I AM GOD."

We have a long way to go in life, and I have just started upon this journey, but I know that Father is watching my every little step with love and care, and I shall not fail if I walk with Him in faith and obedience.

"....AND WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE OF THEE, BUT.....TO WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD?" MICAH 6:8.

Dorothy Takahashi

PRAISE GOD...

Before I became a child of God, the things of the world caught my eyes. It was not until 1935 at a Y.P. Convention that my life had been changed. I went to the conference to have a lot of fun, but instead, I found my Lord and it was one of the happiest days of my life. There was joy and peace within my heart that I cannot express.

At that time, I was attending school, and I drifted from God and lost my experience. Two years later, I found my Lord at the altar of prayer when one of the pastors prayed with me. I became a new child in Christ again. Even though I was a sinner, He lifted me up from the miry clay and set my feet on the solid rock.

We cannot find a happier day than when the Lord saves us from our sins. I praise His Name forever. The Lord has been so good and has given me many blessings since evacuation. Living in a Center is not a happy life altogether, but if we know the Lord, we can bring others to know Christ, and that is the happiest way to live. My experience in Poston is a good test for me, and as I go into the New Year, I want to serve the Lord faithfully.

Lydia Shizume.

A NEW YEAR MEDITATION

The year is gone, say not 'twas
all in vain,
Those days of toil, of sorrow,
or of weal;
For if thy faith hath stood the
testing sore,
Thy Lord is dearer, His love to
thee more real.

Whate'er the failure or the sad
regret,
The Cross of Christ avails for
ev'ry stain;
His mercy and His righteousness
alone
Can make the wounded spirit
whole again.

The "blessed hope" brings comfort
sweet and sure,
For some glad day we'll see the
Christ we love;
Yea, ere another year shall pass
away
Perchance we'll live and reign
with Him above.

And so the future holds no haunting fears;
God's love and mercy overshadows
all;
Throughout our days He bids us rest
in Him,
And, trusting Him, no evil can
befall.

Bessie P. Gilmore.

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